

Remarks

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, applicant has listed the full text of withdrawn claims 23-96.

The requirement that page 11 of the amendment be identified as a "Replacement Sheet" is in error. No new drawings were submitted with Amendment B. Figs. 9A and 9B were reproduced on page 11 for the convenience of the examiner. They are not new drawings and they are not replacement sheets. The drawings are part of the argument. It is therefore requested that the requirement be withdrawn.

It is believed that this response places the claims in compliance with the current rules regarding amendments as reflected by PTO-324 (April 2006). It is also believed that the claims are in condition for allowance as amended in view of the arguments presented in Amendment B. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

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